

Directors Report

March 2025



Staffing

Angie Villegas has been hired to fill the vacancy that occurred when Kelly Martinez retired. Angie has many years of experience working at the library and will be an asset to the library as we grow and change. There were a number of qualified candidates, and the decision was difficult.

Staff are completing work logs this week and next. Each day is divided into ½ hour blocks. This will help to describe the work done, the time required and be used to help in identifying the need for changes in staffing. I expect this type of survey work to happen every year in the future.

Building Renovation

- On April 14 the City Council Workshop, prior to the meeting that evening, will be a tour of the library renovation. I will be present with other City Officials to provide context for the changes being made. The construction company will also be present, I hope that council will come away with greater excitement for this project. I have also made arrangements for the Library staff and Board to tour the building earlier in the same day, we'll discuss this in our meeting.
- Exterior Garbage enclosure is now taking shape. While this is not a high priority, it is part of the work to be done.
- During the tour of the building you will see a number of steel column installed between the windows on the south wall of the library. Once completed and inspected the window opening will be enlarged, look for a black line around the current window and one on either side.

- The project is currently on target for completion, as can be expected there are issues that may yet cause delays. The contractor is looking for opportunities to reorder these issues and minimize any serious delays.
- Art for our renovated space remains a work in progress. It seems there are a few issues that have made this more challenging than expected. I believe we will achieve a good effect for the library's future. I'm asking the art committee to come together again to help refocus on what is a more realistic plan.

Future use of Carnegie building

The City of Hermiston is organizing a community group that will tour the Carnegie on April 15 after hours. Volunteers are desired, I forwarded you this information on March 14th. Applications are being accepted through March 28th. This group will consider the possible uses of the Carnegie when we have moved back into the renovated library.